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Footnotes

- 1 Ga.—*State v. Fredericks*, 256 Ga. App. 401, 568 S.E.2d 489 (2002).
- 2 Mo.—*Nickey v. Leader*, 235 Mo. 30, 138 S.W. 18 (1911).
- 3 N.Y.—*In re Cedar*, 240 A.D. 182, 269 N.Y.S. 733 (1st Dep't 1934), *aff'd*, 265 N.Y. 620, 193 N.E. 414 (1934).

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